

H. W. Beecher

I wish to retain a friendly
relation with ^{Jan 30/67} the Independent
+ its officers; and, it is
the more needful, as they
are members of my Church
+ personal friends -

I will advise you of
the settlement of the matter
as soon as may be -

I am very truly yours
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Jan 30. 1867.

My dear Dr Crook,

Both of yr letters
came duly to hand.

I fully appreciate the
embarrassing position in
which, just for the moment,
you are placed. And, before
long I shall give you a
sufficient statement

But, I am now engaged
in arranging with Mr
Baker, the matter; - &
I may go to arbitration
- tho' I cannot see what
there is to arbitrate.
I am out of the paper,
and I shall not send any
more sermons there.

But, as a number of
sermons, paid for, seem to
have accumulated in
the office, I see no reason
for stopping the publica-
-~~tion~~ tion of them. ~~But,~~ they
~~are~~ It would not be wise
to publish a letter giving
a statement of the facts,
until ~~further~~ the matter
of disagreement is settled